

Homework Helpers @ Bismarck Public Library

Access our website at www.bismarcklibrary.org. Go to eResources and click on eResources Online. Enter your Bismarck Public Library card and PIN. Scroll down to the K-12 category.

TutorND...(suitable for grade 1 through 12)

Get free live help from a tutor in major subjects as math, science, social studies, English, etc. Service can be accessed from any North Dakota library or from your hme computer and is available from 6-10pm Sunday through Thursday. SkillsCenter Resource Library connects you to thousands of homework and test preparation resources and is available 24/7.

Elementary (K-6)

Sample databases:

- Electric Library Elementary...easy-to-use interface to find answers from more than 140 magazines, newspaper, books, transcripts, maps, images, educator-approved websites from Homework Central, plus audio/video titles, all selected as appropriate for elementary school studies.
- Kids InfoBits...meets the needs of young students with simple, quick access to curriculum-related information on current events, arts, sciences, health, people, government, sports, history and more.
- Science Reference Center...provides easy access to full text science-oriented content. Contains
 full text for nearly 640 science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered
 include biology, chemistry, earth and space science, environmental science, health & medicine,
 history of science, life science, physics, scientists, technology, and wildlife.
- Student Research Center...easily pre-determine which sources (e.g., magazines, newspapers, biographies, country reports, film & video) will be included with their search. Can also search by topic heading, make use of an online dictionary and encyclopedia, explore the top searches of the day, and even limit the search according to appropriate Lexile reading levels.

Middle school (grades 7-9)

Sample databases:

- InfoTrac-Junior Edition...features full text titles that support school curriculum, including major magazines, newspapers, and reference works. Lexile reading levels accompany periodical articles.
- Junior Reference Collection...curriculum-focused content includes primary documents, video and audio clips, images (flags, maps, seals, photographs), topic overviews, biographies, and plot summaries.
- Literati Public...includes a growing collection of nearly 10,000 topic pages that blend their reference eBooks with the Bismarck Public Library's existing resources (online catalog and other online databases). Over 500,000 images and audio/video clips that enhance learning are also included.
- Middle Search Plus...full text articles included in the database are assigned a Lexile reading level indicator. Full text is also available

High school (grades 10-12)

Sample databases:

- Britannica Academic Edition...includes encyclopedia, atlas, biographies, eBooks, news, multimedia, etc. Bonus databases include "World Data Analyst" and "Gateway to the Classics", an introduction to significant works of history, literature, philosophy, and science.
- Literati Public...described in Middle School section
- Info-Trac Student Edition...age-appropriate content from magazines, journals, newspapers, literature, sports, political science, environmental and reference tools. Covers science, history, studies, etc.

Other useful databases in other eResource categories:

- American History in Video...largest and richest collection of video available online for the study of American history.
- GreenFILE...covers all aspects of human impact to the environment. Includes content on global warming, green bulding, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewal energy, recycling, etc.
- Student Resources in Context...curriculum-aligned content delivery primary and secondary sources, video and audio selections, and easy to search image galleries.
- A to Z Maps Online...royalty-free, downloadable maps for academic use. Contains world, continent, country, and U.S. state maps.
- Bloom's Literature...contains more than 20,000 critical essays, 2300 scholarly and critical books, 13,000 biographies, 45,000 character entries, 5000 synopses of literary works and hundreds of images and videos.
- Opposing Viewpoints...delivers pro/con views, court case and topical overviews, biographies, and profiles

Vetted websites are also available through the Teen Zone portion of our library's website. Topics covered are...

History & geography

Literature

North Dakota studies

Online quotation books & dictionaries

Tree and leaf identification
 Science & medical